

December, 2012



# NORTHWOODS CAREGIVERS

*Connecting ~ Enriching ~ Empowering*

Caring for a loved one can be difficult and frightening at times, especially during this time of year. Take this opportunity to get away from the stresses and anxieties the holiday season can bring and join us for a FREE Caregiver Conference!

## Caregiving: The Whole Package

December 8, 9am-2pm  
Adult Day Services  
Bemidji  
RSVP: Missy 333-8266

### **FREE RESPITE CARE**

If you would like to attend the Caregiver Conference but need someone to stay with your loved one while away, please contact Cindi (333-8264). Free respite care will be arranged on a first come/first serve basis.



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## Holiday Pie Fundraiser



*A delicious way to donate to Northwoods Caregivers & Community Resource Connections!*

### Here's how it works!

- 1) Most importantly...decide which scrumptious holiday dessert(s) you'd like and the day you'd like to pick them up.
- 2) Place your order by leaving a voicemail at 218-333-8261. We will call back to confirm.
- 3) You pick up your desserts on the day of your choice and pay Perkins directly. They will then donate \$2/pie back to us!

Christmas Pies must be ordered by **December 20th**

**\$9.99:** Pumpkin, Mini Muffins or Cookie Tin

**\$10.99:** Apple

**\$11.99:** Caramel Apple, Cherry, Pumpkin Cream, Coconut Cream, or Lemon Meringue

**\$12.99:** Wildberry, Pecan, or Banana Cream

**\$13.99:** French Silk, or Peanut-Butter Silk

**\$15.99:** Basket of Mini Muffins, Cookies & Brownies

## UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

### Dine In or Take Out Lunch!

*Funds support Beltrami's Child Abuse Prevention Council and the Radiothon to End Child Abuse  
(Scheduled for Dec 6-7, 2012)*



*and Northwoods Caregivers' First City Visitation Services*

Wednesday, December 5th

11am - 1pm

Community Service Center  
1st Floor Lunchroom  
(616 America Ave, Bemidji)

### Menu

Creamy Wild Rice Soup

Choice of Sandwich:

Chicken Salad

Ham/Cheese

Roasted Red Pepper Hummus

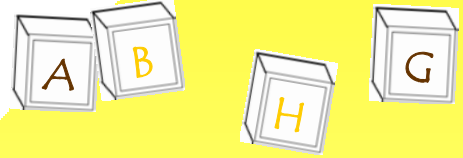
Chips & Dessert

Water/Soda

\$7.00 at the door

# First City Supervised Visitation Services

## News for Parents



*First City Visitation Services is a project of Northwoods Caregivers that offers a positive, child-friendly site where children and parents can be assured that a supervised visitation or exchange will occur safely.*



### Guardian ad Litem Program

A Guardian Ad Litem provides advocacy for children by gathering information to make recommendations in court regarding their best interest. Most cases are related to allegations of child abuse and/or neglect, family violence or marital dissolution proceedings. Unlike the other participants, the Guardian Ad Litem has no interest other than that of the child.

The Guardian Ad Litem's job is to ensure that the child is protected, to ensure that a stable home is provided, and to ensure that a thorough family assessment is made.

Guardian Ad Litem's conduct interviews and observe the children and significant people in their lives. They review social service, medical, school, psychological and criminal records and reports. They attend meetings with the other professionals involved with the children and their families. They outline options and make written and oral recommendations in court regarding the short and long term best interests of the children. They monitor court ordered plans to ensure the children's best interests are being met.

If you would like more information about the Guardian ad Litem program, contact Program Manager Traci Kapella: 218-327-1040



### Special Holiday Hours:

Please remember we are only open **every other weekend** for Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchanges.

During the month December, we will only be available:

**December 8-9th  
December 22nd-23rd**

All other visits/exchanges may be scheduled during weekdays or evenings (based on staff and room availability).

Please remember all visits/exchanges must be paid for BEFORE they can be scheduled. If you have questions/concerns about our hours or policies, feel free to contact us at 218-333-8262.



**Our office will be closed  
Dec, 24th - Jan, 2nd.  
HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS!**

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## **Thank You George W. Neilson Foundation!**

Several of our Homemakers have been testing a new (electronic) system over the last few months. Rather than filling out paperwork for each Homemaking visit, they have a hand-held, electronic Tablet and ask their clients to sign their name at the end of the visit. This is merely a confirmation that the service was provided to the client (similar to when the UPS man asks you to sign for a package!). We are also looking at implementing a similar system for all Respite Providers.

We are grateful to the George W. Neilson Foundation for a \$5,500 grant which will allow us to purchase the remaining Tablets for our Homemakers and Respite Providers. As we work towards transitioning to a more “paperless” system, feel free to call our office with questions or concerns!

## **Initialing & Signing**

If you are a Client receiving Homemaking and or Respite Care Services, please remember you are responsible for reviewing the details of your Provider’s visit (whether it’s paperwork or the new electronic Tablet).

We ask that you initial and/or sign off on the visit **ONLY if the information is complete and correct!**